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## Sequoia Middle School plants Sequoias in Memory of Fallen Staff members

**FRESNO, Calif., May 13, 2014 - For Immediate Release** – Students and staff from Sequoia Middle School, as well as members from two churches gathered on Saturday, May 10 to plant a small grove of Sequoia redwood trees at the front of the campus in honor of staff members who have passed away from cancer. The “Fallen Forest” project gave students the opportunity to serve their school and community and a chance for the school to partner with Clovis Hills Church, El Encino Baptist Church, the Sierra National Forest, as well as Tree Fresno, which donated tree stakes, ties and fertilizer. Anthony Masovero of the U.S. Forest Service, Emergency Command Center worked closely with Principle Matt Ward to coordinate the donation of seven redwood trees and be recognized as donors on a plaque honoring the staff. The volunteers also planted several other shrubs, flowers and trees to further enhance the campus. Sequoia teacher Rick Perez and his father, Sunnyside High School stadium manager Rick Perez Sr., designed the landscape project and are coordinating the planting.

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